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SUBJ: MAHAWELI GANGA PROGRAM - VISIT OF GSL OFFICIALS

1. RAJU COOMARASWAMY, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT, AND
SECRETARY SIVAGNANAM, MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION, POWER AND
HIGHWAYS, WILL MEET WITH HOPPER AND OTHERS AT WORLD BANK JUNE
29 AND 30 TO DISCUSS:

A. ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR KOTMALE DAM COMPONENT OF MAHAWELI
PROGRAM -- SWEDEN HAS PLEDGED DLRS 60 MILLION IF GSL COMES UP
WITH OTHER DONORS FOR REMAINING COST ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF DLRS
20 MILLION, NOW THOUGHT TO BE DLRS 60 MILLION. OFFICIALS
SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND
PROBABLY BANK AND WILL ASK BANK ADVISABILITY OF COMMERCIAL
FINANCING IF DONOR PLEDGES INSUFFICIENT.

B. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION FOR JULY 25 DONOR MEETING IN COLOMBO
ON MAHAWELI PROGRAM. WE UNDERSTAND NEDECO WILL PROVIDE PRELIM-
INARY REPORT AND GSL WILL SEEK MORE COMMITMENTS FROM DONORS.

2. AID/W MAY WISH TAKE OPPORTUNITY VISIT OF THESE SENIOR
GSL OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS STATUS MAHAWELI PROGRAM. IN ADDITION,
SIVAGNANAM FAMILIAR WITH AID'S PLANNED EFFORT REGARDING MAHAWELI
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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY. SIVAGNANAM IS, OF COURSE, ALSO FAMILIAR
WITH GENERAL SCOPE OF OVERALL ENDEAVORS PLANNED FOR WATER
MANAGEMENT.

3. PLEASE INSURE AMBASSADOR WRIGGINS INFORMED OF COOMARASWAMY'S
VISIT.
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